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PSC APPROVES TRANSMISSION LINE REQUEST

Jefferson City (April 24, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved an application which authorizes IES Utilities, Inc. to construct and operate a transmission line in Clark County, Missouri.

IES Utilities, Inc., a subsidiary of Alliant Energy Corporation, is a public utility that provides electric service to cities and towns across Iowa. IES Utilities, Inc. does not currently serve electric customers in Missouri and it is not proposing to serve any Missouri customers with the facilities to be constructed.

IES Utilities, Inc. stated in its application that due to continued load growth in the Keokuk, Iowa area over the last several years, the company has determined that in order to meet its statutory obligations to its customers under Iowa law, it must construct a second 161kV transmission line into the city. According to the application, IES Utilities, Inc. proposes to construct the 161kV transmission line in Clark County and provide a transmission line interconnect between IES' transmission system in Keokuk, Iowa and Ameren's transmission system in the vicinity of Wayland, Missouri.

In a filing made on March 28, 2002, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission recommended the application be approved. Staff stated that the proposed addition to the transmission system is necessary to provide reliable electric service to IES customers in the Keokuk, Iowa area. A majority of the proposed route of the transmission line will utilize an abandoned railroad right-of-way to minimize the impact on property owners in the area. The PSC Staff stated that the proposed route provides the most economic alternative to meet the electric and reliability needs of IES customers.

The Commission stated in its order: "The Commission finds it is necessary and convenient for the public interest for IES to construct and operate the transmission line as described in the application, and so will grant a certificate of convenience and necessity."

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